

PLAN of DEVELOPMENT for PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD for CHARLIE SMITH

Description of Facility

I want to construct a road across BLM land which would provide access to my private property. The road would be the primary access to my home and would be used by both family vehicles and farm equipment (small tractor and combine). It would be used on a year-round basis. I would like to begin construction in the Spring (three months from now) and plan to complete the road in 10 days. I will need a right-of-way for at least 30 years (length of my mortgage).

Design Criteria: Road Specifications

The road would be 1320' in length and have a 12' wide driving surface. (See attached diagram). I will surface the road with a 4" deep layer of commercial road material (1.5" minus diameter crushed gravel). The road will be ditched as indicated in the diagram. I will need a total right-of-way width of 50'. The additional right-of-way width outside of the ditches will be needed to plow snow onto.

During construction there won't be much dust because the ground should be still moist from the spring runoff. After construction there will be the normal amount of dust associated with the regular use of a gravel surface road.

This road design should be adequate for my farming operation.

I will need some additional work space on a temporary basis for the installation of a single culvert 48" in diameter and 30' in length. An area 30' by 30' on each side of the road at the creek crossing would provide enough additional space to maneuver my equipment to place the culvert.

Additional Comments

This BLM access road would intersect, on the west end, an existing road on the Mull property. I have an easement agreement with Mr. Mull allowing me unrestricted access across his land. Therefore, I can provide the BLM access to the proposed road for inspection purposes.

Construction of Facility

Prior to construction I will stake the centerline and flag the construction limits of the roadway. I will also flag the limits of the temporary use areas.

I will notify your office at least 5 days prior to the start of any construction activity so that you can be on location.

I will hire a contractor to do the actual road construction and installation of the culvert.

Vegetation will be cleared from both the road surface and the drainage ditches. This vegetation will be disposed of as you request. No trees will need to be removed for construction.

The ditches will be "pulled up" to the road bed. The culvert will be laid. A 4" cap of commercial road material will be placed on the road. No material will be obtained from the BLM land.

I will revegetate the disturbed areas outside of the road driving surface with a native seed mixture. Prior to seeding, I will provide mixture specifications to you for your approval.

I will be responsible for weed control on the disturbed areas within the right-of-way. I will consult with the BLM and/or County Weed Board for acceptable weed control methods. I will work with the BLM to develop a Pesticide Use Proposal (PUP) for approval prior to treatments.

No construction work will be performed when such work will produce ruts in excess of 4" in depth.

Operation and Maintenance

The roadway will be graded as needed and spot surfaced as necessary. The ditches will be pulled and maintained.

Miscellaneous Information Needs

I will maintain the construction area and the right-of-way in a safe condition.

Trash (litter, construction debris) will be removed and will not be allowed to accumulate.

Cross section of proposed right-of-way

